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FOLLOWING IS AGREED TEXT OF SOUTH KOREAN STATEMENT ON
INSCRIPTION BY ALGERIA OF KOREAN ITEM ON PROVISIONAL AGENDA
OF 29TH GA. STATEMENT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY MEMO SUBMITTED BY ALGERIAN REQUESTING
INSCRIPTION. PUBLICATION IS EXPECTED ON SATURDAY, AUG 17.

QUOTE

THE GOVT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WISHES TO MAKE
THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUEST ON
(DATE) BY (NUMBER) COUNTRIES SYMPATHETIC TO NORTH KOREA TO
INCLUDE IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE 29TH SESSION OF
THE GA A SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM
ENTITLED: "WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS STATIONED IN SOUTH
KOREA UNDER FLAG OF UN".

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THE KOREAN GOVT FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT, IN VIEW

OF THE CURRENT SITUATION ON KOREAN PENINSULA AND
INT'L TRENDS TOWARD DETENTE, THE MOST REALISTIC WAY
TO SOLVE KOREAN PROBLEMS BY PEACEFUL MEANS IS NOT THROUGH
CONTENTIOUS DEBATE AND PROPAGANDISTIC SLOGANS BUT RATHER
THROUGH DISSIPATION OF MUTUAL DISTRUST, LESSENING OF TENSION,
AND GRADUAL EXPANSION OF MUTUAL COOPERATION THROUGH DIALOGUE
BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH. IN THIS SPIRIT, THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE SOUTH-NORTH JOINT COMMUNIQUE
OF JULY 4, 1972 WHICH CALLS FOR THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEMS EXISTING BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS OF
KOREA THROUGH DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGES. IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WE HAVE SPARED NO EFFORT TO CARRY ON
THE DIALOGUE THROUGH THE SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS CONFERENCE
AND THE SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO
PROMOTE EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PARTS
OF KOREA.

THE CONSENSUS STATEMENT ON THE KOREAN QUESTION ADOPTED
BY THE 28TH GA SESSION LAST YEAR FURTHER
URGED THE SOUTH AND THE NORTH TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE
AND WIDEN THEIR MANY-SIDED EXCHANGES AND COOPERATION SO AS
TO EXPEDITE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF THE
COUNTRY. IN KEEPING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THIS DECISION, THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS REPEATEDLY URGED NORTH KOREA TO RESUME
THE PLENARY MEETINGS OF THE SOUTH-NORTH RED CROSS CONF
AND THE SOUTH-NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE AND TO RESPOND
FAVORABLY TO OUR PROPOSAL TO CONCLUDE A NON-AGGRESSION
AGREEMENT.

NORTH KOREA, HOWEVER, HAS MADE NO MOVE TO IMPLEMENT
LAST YEAR'S CONSENSUS STATEMENT OF THE UN, AND
THEREFORE APPEARS TO IGNORE THE WISHES OF ALL MEMBER STATES
TO AVOID ACERBIC DEBATE AND POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITHIN
THE GA.

THE KOREAN GOVT TAKES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CALL
UPON NORTH KOREA AGAIN TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO OUR EFFORTS
FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE IF IT REALLY
DESIRES THE RELAXATION OF TENSION AND THE PEACEFUL
UNIFICATION OF KOREA. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS CONFIDENT
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THAT ITS REASONABLE AND JUST POSITION WILL RECEIVE FULL
SUPPORT FROM THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE UN
WHOSE HOPES ARE TO SEE RELAXATION OF TENSION ON THE KOREAN
PENINSULA, SO AS TO BRING ABOUT EARLY REALIZATION OF A
PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA. UNQTE
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